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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOTE
NETWORKS USING A SEQUENTIAL MESSAGE HANDSHAKING
PROTOCOL

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 26 pages, including 3 independent claims and 31 claims total.
2. Drawings- 3 sheets of drawings containing 3 figures. (Figures 1-3).
3. Preliminary Amendment
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ \$710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	31	-	20	11	x \$18	198.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3		x \$80	
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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